

Better Together









2016 National Night Out F.A.Q. Sheet

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and cosponsored locally by the Pleasanton Police Department. Over 37 million people in more than 16,000 communities will join forces on August 2nd to celebrate National Night Out's 33st annual event.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support form and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

How can your neighborhood participate in this year's National Night Out?

From 5 to 10 P.M. on August 5th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Pleasanton and across the nation are asked to turn on outside lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods in Pleasanton will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, contests and youth activities.

The sun does not set in our area until close to 9 P.M., does that matter?

No. The fact that the sun does not set until a particular time should not affect the scheduling of your activities. The illumination of porch lights is symbolic. They can be on at 7 or 8 P.M. – regardless of whether or not darkness has fallen.

When should we begin organizing?

As soon as possible! The best NNO programs are those that begin their planning well in advance of the event.

Should we register our neighborhood event with the police?

Yes. The Pleasanton Police Department would like to know about the size and scope of your event. If possible, they will also try to have representatives from the police and fire departments stop by and visit your event. These visits are on a first come, first serve basis, so register early!



NNO 2016 Planning Guide



1.	Contact neighbors for interest (see who wants to have a party!) Jot down names of those willing to help organize the event.
	
2.	Schedule a planning meeting to decide on:
	⇒ Event theme
	⇒ Location
	⇒ Time frame
	⇒ Task assignments:
	✓ Food
	✓ Decorations
	✓ Games/Activities
	✓ Set-up
	✓ Clean-up

- 3. Complete the NNO Neighborhood Event Registration Form and send it to the Pleasanton Police Department by <u>July 29th</u>, <u>2016</u>! (Fax # 925-931-5480)
- 4. Permits are required for any street closures. Contact the Pleasanton Police Crime Prevention Unit for further information: (925) 931-5242
- 5. Keep in mind that parties with food and entertainment often have the best turn-out. Weeknight potlucks are a great way to get everyone fed. Have an appetizer tasting party... battle it out in a chili cook-off or let your older children bake their favorite cookies. Have a kid in a band or dance team? Have them perform... NNO is meant for the entire street to enjoy!

National Night Out party themes, ideas, activities:

<u>Themes</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Ideas</u>
Luau Party	Hula hoop contest	Invite <u>everyone</u> !
Stars and Stripes	Water balloon toss	Start planning early
Mardi Gras	Parade	Have activities for younger children
Backyard BBQ	Three legged race	Ask for visit from Pleasanton
Ice Cream Social	Egg toss	Police!
Block Potluck	Best recipe award	Have FUN!
Southwest Fiesta	Limbo contest	



National Night Out Neighborhood Event Registration Form



(Please be sure to fill out **BOTH** pages of this application)

Our neighborhood will be having a National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2, 2016!

Participating Neighborhood Watch group(s):		
Address of event:		
Time frame of event:		
Note: We will visit during the event time frame. Pl	lease make every (effort to be "ready"
for us during this time frame, as we cannot revisit		
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Contact person's name & phone #:		
Contact person's email :		
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We would like a Police Department representative	to visit during ou	r event:
Due to staffing levels, it may be necessary		
to limit the number of sites visited. Requests will be filled on a "<u>first come</u> " basis	YES	NO
We would like elected officials (Mayor, City Counc	il. Assembly Reps	. etc) to visit our
event:	,	, ,
Your party will be added to a list of others that		
have requested VIP visits. While we will do our	YES	NO
best to honor this request, it cannot be guaranteed		
We would like members of the local media to stop	by for photo oppo	ortunities:
If you answer "NO" you will be excluded from the		
party list provided to press. If your party is of a large	YES	NO
scale and in a public place, they may still find it		

Briefly describe your event plans (parties with food and entertainment are always better attended by all involved):				
Estimated number of households pa	rticipating:			
Estimated number of people participa	ating:			
Number of children under 12 years	s of age attending:			
How did you hear about National Nigh	nt Out?			
Please return completed form to:	Pleasanton Police Department Attn: Crime Prevention Unit P.O. Box 909 Pleasanton, Ca 94566			
Or fax form to:	Pleasanton Police Department Attn: Shannon Revel-Whitaker (925) 931-5480			
Or email form back to:	srevel-whitaker@citvofpleasantonca.gov			

REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY JULY 29th

Questions? Contact Shannon Revel-Whitaker at 931-5242.